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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Thao X. Le

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 Jan 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 3-7 and 9-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 3-7 and 9-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 09 September 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. In view of the Appeal Brief filed on 13 Jan. 2006, PROSECUTION IS HEREBY REOPENED. New ground of rejection is set forth below.

To avoid abandonment of the application, appellant must exercise one of the following two options:

(1) file a reply under 37 CFR 1.111 (if this Office action is non-final) or a reply under 37 CFR 1.113 (if this Office action is final); or,

(2) initiate a new appeal by filing a notice of appeal under 37 CFR 41.31 followed by an appeal brief under 37 CFR 41.37. The previously paid notice of appeal fee and appeal brief fee can be applied to the new appeal. If, however, the appeal fees set forth in 37 CFR 41.20 have been increased since they were previously paid, then appellant must pay the difference between the increased fees and the amount previously paid.

A Supervisory Patent Examiner (SPE) has approved of reopening prosecution by signing below:

Claim Objections

2. Claim 3 is objected to because of the following informalities: Recited 'a semiconductor light emitting device' in line 8 should read 'the semiconductor light emitting device'. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

5. Claims 3-5, 9-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US 6531328 to Chen in view of US 2004/0041757 to Yang.

Regarding claim 3, Chen discloses a mounting substrate for a semiconductor light emitting device in fig. 17 comprising: a solid silicon block 8, column 4 line 43, including a cavity (concave portion) in a face thereof that is configured for mounting a semiconductor light emitting device (LED) 3 therein, column 5 line 24, and a conformal insulating coating 15 comprising silicon oxide, column 5 line 4, on a surface of the solid silicon block 8, and in the cavity; and first and second spaced apart conductive traces 16/18, column 5 lines 7 and 10, on the conformal insulating coating 15 in the cavity that are configured for connection to the light emitting device, fig. 17.

But, Chen does not disclose a solid block is aluminum and an insulating layer is aluminum oxide.

However, Yang However, Yang discloses a mounting substrate for a semiconductor LED device in fig. 7 wherein the LED is mounting on the aluminum block (metal plate) 43 (0027) comprising conformal insulating coating comprising insulating aluminum oxide layer 42 (0022J completely surrounds the aluminum block 43, fig.7. At the time the invention was made; it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to use the conformal aluminum oxide surrounding the aluminum block teaching of Yang to replace the silicon and silicon oxide of Chen, because in such

structure the aluminum oxide layer would have good heat conductivity and providing good heat dispersion as taught by Yang, see abstract.

Furthermore, aluminum would have better thermal conductivity than that of silicon as confirmed Chen (6599768) in table 1.

Regarding claims 4-5, 16-17, Chen discloses the mounting substrate according to Claim 3 wherein face is a first face and wherein the first and second spaced apart conductive traces 16/18 extend from the cavity to the first face, around at least one side of the block 8 and onto a second face of the block 8 that is opposite the first face, fig. 9 and 17, wherein the first and second spaced apart 16/18 on the conformal insulating coating 15 in the cavity comprise reflective material, column 4 line 17.

Regarding claims 6-7, Chen discloses the mounting substrate in fig. 18 comprising a first face (top surface) and wherein the solid substrate block 8, column 4 line 43, includes therein first and second through holes 14, column 4 line 58 that extend from the first face to a second face of the solid block 8 that is opposite the first face, the respective first and second through holes including a respective first and second conductive via therein that extends from the first face to the second face and wherein a respective one of the spaced apart conductive traces 16/17/18, column 5 lines 5-10, is electrically connected to a respective one of the conductive vias 14, fig. 18, and vias 14, and wherein the first and second through holes 14 extend from the cavity 11, fig. 8, to the second face.

Regarding claim 10, Chen discloses the mounting substrate in fig. 18 further comprising third and fourth spaced apart conductive traces 18/17 on the second face of the solid block a respective one of which is connected to a respective one of the conductive vias 14.

Regarding claims 11-14, Chen discloses the mounting substrate in combination with a semiconductor light emitting device 3 that is mounted in the cavity and is connected to the first and second spaced apart conductive traces 16/18 fig. 17, further in combination with a lens 23, column 5 line 58, that extends across the cavity, in further combination with an encapsulant 5, column 5 line 27, between the semiconductor light emitting device 3 and the lens 23, and further combination with lens retainer (leg portion of lens 23) on the solid block 8 that is configured to hold the lens 23 across the cavity, fig. 18.

Regarding claim 15, Chen discloses a light emitting device in fig. 18 comprising: a solid silicon block 8 including a cavity (concave portion), in a face thereof and a conformal silicon oxide layer 15 on a surface thereof including on the cavity, fig. 18, first and second spaced apart conductive traces 16/18 on the conformal silicon oxide layer 15 in the cavity; a semiconductor light emitting device 3 that is mounted in the cavity and is connected to the first and second spaced apart conductive traces 16/18, a lens 23, fig. 18, that extends across the cavity; and an encapsulant 5 between the semiconductor light emitting device 3 and the lens 23.

But, Chen does not disclose a solid block is aluminum and an insulating layer is aluminum oxide.

However, Yang However, Yang discloses a mounting substrate for a semiconductor LED device in fig. 7 wherein the LED is mounting on the aluminum block (metal plate) 43 (0027) comprising conformal insulating coating comprising insulating aluminum oxide layer 42 (0022] completely surrounds the aluminum block 43, fig.7. At the time the invention was made; it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to use the conformal aluminum oxide surrounding the aluminum block teaching of Yang to replace the silicon and silicon oxide of Chen, because in such structure the aluminum oxide layer would have good heat conductivity and providing good heat dispersion as taught by Yang, see abstract.

Furthermore, aluminum would have better thermal conductivity than that of silicon as confirmed Chen (6599768) in table 1.

Regarding claims 9 and 18, Chen discloses a mounting substrate wherein the face is a first face (top) and wherein the solid silicon block 8 includes therein first and second through holes 14, fig. 7, that extend from the first surface to a second surface (bottom), fig. 7, of the silicon block 8 that is opposite the first face, and a respective first and second conductive via 14 therein extends from the first face to the second face and wherein a respective one of each spaced

apart conductive trace 18A/17A, fig. 8, is electrically connected to a respective one of the conductive vias.

But, Chen does not disclose the aluminum block and the first and second respect through holes including the conformal insulating coating thereon comprises aluminum oxide.

However, Yang discloses the mounting substrate in fig. 4 comprising a first face (top surface) and wherein the solid aluminum block 43 (0027) includes therein first and second through holes 45 (0023) that extend from the first face to a second face of the solid aluminum block 43 that is opposite the first face, the respective first and second through holes 45 including a respective first and second conductive via 413 (0023) therein that extends from the first face to the second face and wherein a respective one of the spaced apart conductive traces 411 is electrically connected to a respective one of the conductive vias (413) and wherein the first and second through holes 45 extend the first surface to the second face. At the time the invention was made; it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to use the through holes comprising conductive vias of LED packaging teaching of Yang with Chen's device, because it would have provided good the thermal dissipation of the LED modules as taught by Yang, see abstract.

Regarding claim 19, Chen discloses the LED wherein the face is a first face wherein the first and second through holes 14, col. 4 line 58, that extend from the first face to a second face, fig. 7.

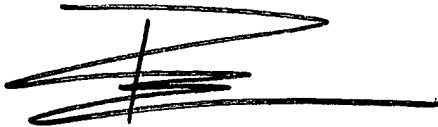
Regarding claim 20, Chen discloses the LED further in fig. 18 further comprising third and fourth space apart conductive traces 18/17 on the second face of the solid block a respective one of which is connected to a respective one of the conductive vias 14.

Conclusion


6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thao X. Le whose telephone number is (571) 272-1708. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wael M. Fahmy can be reached on (571) 272 -1705. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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